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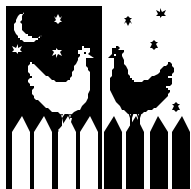
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to instances weak. Demand into all channels was seasonally slow to fair, best for fast food promotions. Supplies were adequate to ample and difficult to clear even at lower levels. In the parts structure, wings were tight and moving well, bone-in breasts were balanced to closely cleared, and the remaining items were at least adequate and readily available with little interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable to heavy.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 61.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 58.25 cents last year on the 12th of January, 2000.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
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BREASTS - B/S	129.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	60.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.50
LEG QUARTERS	23.50
WINGS	92.00

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 01/06/01	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	176,732	181,901	-03
CHICKS PLACED	142,629	144,090	-01

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES DOWN 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 177 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 6, 2001. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 81 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 143 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 6, 2001. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 17-Feb-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 145.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 146.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 152.1 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 157.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 53.40 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN The market tone was about steady. Offerings fully adequate. Buyers interest was fair. Retail demand fair to fairly good, best for parts. Floor stocks adequate. White meat items fully steady to firm, dark meat items steady to barely steady.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand was fair at best, moderate for fast food promotions and scattered retail ads. Supplies were adequate to ample, especially for wogs. In the parts structure, wings were tight with an active call. Breast items were irregular, closest for bone-in and fronts, but at least adequate for all others. Dark meat was usually sufficient for the limited demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy.

MIDWEST The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was cautiously steady. Additional offerings of whole birds light with Wogs ample for the selective and limited buyer interest. Movement into all channels was slow to seasonally fair with features providing best interest. Floor stocks were adequate with weights desirable to heavy. Parts trading was moderate to good on wings and mostly inactive on the remainder of items. Supplies of wings were short, whole breasts adequate with the balance of parts fully adequate to ample. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings, steady on whole breasts and cautiously steady to weak on all other items.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive as dealers remained cautious and selective during midweek trading. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was barely steady to instances weak. In the parts complex, offerings of bone-in breasts were no more than adequate to closely cleared, however, boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate to fully adequate. Dark meat items were readily available. Wings continued to see active interest and were clearing well.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and unaggressive, typical of normal midweek activity. Offerings were balanced to ample and excess supplies were noted as both competitively priced and slow to clear. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were in a range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 51 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, wings and bone-in breasts were in generally good balance. Other items were noted as more than sufficient to handle current needs.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	47-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	53.90
NO. OF BOXES	13,030
*7 of 8 plants reporting.	

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	897	104.00-190.00	125-132	127.98
TENDERLOINS	88	135.00-195.00	140-145	148.64
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	56.00-63.00	-	57.69
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	124	27.00-41.00	28-30	27.45
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	359	16.00-20.00	16-17	16.73
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,535	18.50-24.00	20-22	21.81
WINGS (WHOLE)	271	87.00-89.00	87-88	87.38
WINGS (CUT)	771	88.00-117.00	102-105	105.46
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	867	102.00-190.00	125-132	128.28
TENDERLOINS	84	135.00-195.00	140-145	149.29
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	56.00-63.00	-	57.67
FRONT HALVES	71	41.50-47.00	41.5-43	41.82
LEGS	124	27.00-41.00	28-30	28.42
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	398	16.00-20.00	16-17	16.76
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,575	18.50-24.00	20-22	21.77
WINGS (WHOLE)	270	87.00-89.00	87-88	87.39
WINGS (CUT)	576	103.00-118.00	103-106	107.50
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
28.00-33.50	28.66	28.75 - 33.50	29.29	29.62

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest remained light and selective and was generally noted as typical of midweek trading. Offerings of bone-in breasts were well balanced, however, boneless-skinless breasts were readily available. Dark meat items were more than sufficient. Wings continued to see active interest and were no more than adequate to tight, although, sellers were finding some resistance at the higher premiums. Movement into retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was steady to fully steady on bone-in breasts, no better than steady on boneless-skinless breasts, about steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ITEM	JANUARY 09, 2001		WTD
	CURRENT NEG	TRADING*	
BREAST - B/S	115-120	116.57	596,510
TENDERLOINS	130-135	133.81	117,603
BREAST - WITH RIBS	48-49	54.94	346,720
BREAST - LINE RUN	48	50.53	189,200
LEGS	33-34	36.24	216,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	20.97	909,663
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	32.90	247,060
THIGHS	30-31	31.25	252,510
B/S THIGHS	78-79	83.71	44,660
WINGS (WHOLE)	89-90	98.01	416,350
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.98	77,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.27	29,968
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	69.97	120,420

ITEM	JANUARY 10, 2001		WTD
	CURRENT NEG	TRADING*	
BREAST - B/S	115-120	119.23	654,130
TENDERLOINS	130-135	134.44	87,130
BREAST - WITH RIBS	49-50	56.35	327,320
BREAST - LINE RUN	49	51.20	180,000
LEGS	33-34	37.29	223,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.01	638,064
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	32.49	219,520
THIGHS	29-30	31.67	188,400
B/S THIGHS	78-79	82.71	61,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	90-91	99.21	446,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.92	85,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.39	30,060
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	69.98	119,560

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
	01/10	01/09	01/08	01/05	01/08	01/05	01/03	01/01
ALA	3,940	3,928	3,871	5,263	5.05	4.89	3,863	Holiday
ARK	5,116	5,274	5,165	7,919	5.00	5.12	5,001	(A)
DELMARVA	2,397	2,348	2,357	3,095	5.01	4.95	2,389	Holiday
KY-LA-TN	1,971	1,985	1,965	1,991	4.50	4.51	1,968	Holiday
MISS	2,816	2,824	2,589	2,568	5.29	4.98	2,607	Holiday
NC	2,640	2,661	2,553	3,169	5.94	5.72	2,542	(A)
TEXAS	2,297	2,277	2,230	2,626	4.88	4.86	2,362	Holiday
TOTAL	21,177	21,297	20,730	26,631	5.10	5.04	20,732	6.13
MON-WED	63,672(B)				39,578 (B)			

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Jan 01 and is estimated to be 31,683,000 up 1.64 percent from a week ago and up 3.4 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,656,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-96
	DRY PACK	103-106
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	105-112
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	91
DUCKS		152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING JAN-13-01

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/13/01 (1)	01/06/01
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	156,754 (2)	128,312
LT HENS	1,908	1,478
HVY HENS	1,276	1,174
CHECK TOTAL	159,938	130,964

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-Jan-01 is 147.6 million head compared to 158.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.1 million head or 9.5 million more than estimated available. For week of 20-Jan-01 the estimated available is 151.9 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 7-Jan-01	73,571	73,161
AM 1-Jan-01	68,786	74,663
CHG	4,785	-1,502
PCT CHG	7	-2

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/08/01	01/2/01	01/10/00	01/08/01	01/2/01	01/10/00
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	4,615	4,701	5,844	5,687	6,425	12,524
ANGELES	108	114	156	1,531	1,858	3,107

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 01/10/01

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	1.00	1.20	1.08	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	1.05	1.60	1.24	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	1.75	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.60	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.85	1.75	1.36	ROOSTERS ea.	3.25	7.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.55	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.80	1.70	1.17	DUCKS ea.	-	2.00	-
RABBITS lb.	.80	2.00	1.21	RABBITS ea.	1.35	1.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	4.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	6.50	7.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	1.50	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	1.50	-				

TOTAL COOPS 68

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 08, 2001

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56-63
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-69

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending January 5, 2001

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/Thighs	Necks,Backs Wings	Livers/Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	65.91	130.43	93.16	23.29	6.99	48.91
High	67.92	149.06	111.79	32.61	13.97	53.57
Mostly	67.08	130.43	102.48	27.95	9.32	48.91
SAN JUAN						
Low	58.23	135.09	83.85	23.29	6.99	44.25
High	66.98	158.38	107.14	37.26	11.65	54.17
Mostly	66.52	139.74	93.16	23.29	6.99	44.25
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	66.38	130.43	93.16	23.29	6.99	50.07
High	67.78	149.06	107.14	32.61	13.97	58.23
Mostly	67.31	139.74	93.16	23.29	9.32	50.07
BECERRA						
Low	58.69	139.74	93.16	23.29	6.99	44.25
High	70.48	163.03	107.14	39.59	11.65	56.50
Mostly	67.45	149.06	102.48	32.61	9.32	44.25

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